

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presented for further examination. Claims 1, 19, 20, and 21 have been amended.

In the final Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, first paragraph, as indefinite because of the recitation of a third "high-voltage region" in claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to now recite "the second high-voltage region" on the last line thereof. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and dependent claims 2-13 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 was amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite because the recitation of "said second high-voltage region" in line 7 of both claims lacked antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claims 20 and 21 to overcome this rejection.

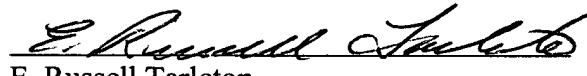
Claims 14-19 were allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance. Consequently, further examination and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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